(b) whether Central Government have also constituted a Committee to safeguard the interests of the labourers;

(c) whether this Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Law to protect laid off workers

2663. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to bring out a law to protect workers laid off by outsourcing and offshoring operations on the line of Britain;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing labour laws are applicable to the workers in the Business Process Outsourcing units.

Compensation and insurance amount paid to familes of deceased workers in Chhattisgarh

†2664. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the workers killed in mishaps while at work in medium and heavy industries in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the minor children alongwith women and men killed in these mishaps;

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(c) the details of the amount of compensation prescribed and that of insurance provided to the familes of deceased workers; and

(d) the names of workers killed in Chhattisgarh alongwith the details of the amount of compensation given?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Investment in equities by EPF Organisation

2665. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that EPF Organization has been allowed to invest Rs. 100 crore in equities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of companies in which EPFO has invested; and

(d) its impact on the rate of interests on EPF and PPF?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Consultancy agency for Investment alternatives for E.P.F.

†2666. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees Provident Fund Organisation has hired a consultancy agency to suggest investment alternatives for E.P.F.;

(b) if so, the objective thereof;

(c) whether labour unions have objected to it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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